

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: TALK AMERICA, INC., f/k/a TEL-SAVE, INC.	<div>DOCKET NOS. TCU-97-12 TF-02-396</div> <hr/> <div>CERTIFICATE NO. 0251</div>
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CERTIFICATE

(Issued July 23, 2002)

On June 27, 1997, the Utilities Board (Board) issued an order granting an application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity, pursuant to Iowa Code § 476.29 (1997), to Tel-Save, Inc., n/k/a Talk America, Inc. (Talk America). In the order, the Board approved the concurrence of Talk America in the exchange maps of Qwest Corporation, f/k/a U S West Communications, Inc. (Qwest), and stated that Talk America would be issued a certificate when it had given notice to all affected local exchange carriers and had obtained an approved tariff on file with the Board.

On June 28, 2002, Talk America filed a proposed tariff with the terms, conditions, and rates for providing competitive local exchange service. The proposed tariff has been identified as Docket No. TF-02-396. An order approving the proposed tariff and issuing a certificate is being issued concurrently with this certificate. Since Talk America will have an approved tariff to provide local exchange service, the

Board will issue Certificate No. 0251, authorizing Talk America to provide local exchange service in the listed Qwest exchanges.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

This certificate of public convenience and necessity, issued pursuant to Iowa Code § 476.29 (2001), authorizes Talk America, Inc., f/k/a Tel-Save, Inc., to furnish local telephone service in the exchanges as shown by its tariffs as currently and subsequently approved.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Diane Munns

/s/ Mark O. Lambert

ATTEST:

/s/ Sharon Mayer
Executive Secretary, Assistant to

/s/ Elliott Smith

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 23rd day of July, 2002.